

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 3832 - HB 3822**

February 26, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Commissioner for the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to study alternatives for and develop regional water supply plans that consider cost and conservation of water resources.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures –**

**\$2,400/One-Time/General Fund**

**\$4,800/One-Time/Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)**

**\$58,600/Recurring/General Fund**

**\$117,300/Recurring/EPF**

**Assumptions:**

- According to TDEC, the Department is currently involved in two pilot projects developing regional plans.
- According to TDEC, the tasks associated with new projects can be accomplished with two additional positions. One additional Environmental Specialist 3 position and one Environmental Specialist 5 position would be needed at a recurring cost of approximately \$175,900 (\$97,700 salaries, \$33,200 benefits, \$45,000 operational expenditures including equipment, travel, transportation, and computers). One-time expenditures of \$7,200 associated with the two additional positions for supplies and equipment.
- According to TDEC, the baseline ratio for the Division of Water Supply is 33.3 percent state appropriations and 66.7 percent Environmental Protection Fund. The precise ratio cannot be reasonably determined and is subject to variation each year.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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